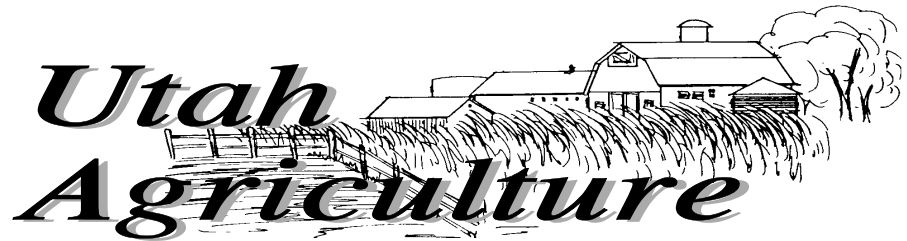




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HIGHLIGHTS:

U.S. Small Grain Production	Mfg Dairy
U.S. October Milk	U.S. Turkey Eggs
U.S. Corn Production	U.S. Cattle on Feed

and 620,000 bushels in North Dakota. Acreage, yield, and production are unchanged in Montana and Wyoming. Total U.S. production is estimated at 279 million bushels, slightly below the previous estimate but slightly higher than last year's production.

U. S. Small Grain Production

United States small grains: Survey respondents who reported barley, oats, Durum wheat, or other spring wheat acreage not yet harvested in Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming during the surveys conducted to prepare the *Small Grains 2004 Summary* were re-contacted to determine how many of these acres were actually harvested and record the actual production from those acres. Based on this updated information, several changes were made to the estimates published in the *Small Grains 2004 Summary*. Because unharvested production is a component of on-farm stocks, changes were made to the September 1 on-farm stocks levels comparable with the production adjustments.

Durum harvested area was reduced 5,000 acres in Montana and 80,000 acres in North Dakota. Yield per acre was increased 1.0 bushel in each of these two States. No changes were made in Minnesota. Other spring wheat harvested area declined 20,000 acres in Minnesota and 50,000 acres each in Montana and North Dakota. Acreage was unchanged in Wyoming, and no changes were made to yield in any of the States. All wheat production in the United States is 2.16 billion bushels, 8 percent below last year and only fractionally below the previous estimate.

In Minnesota, oat harvested area was reduced 10,000 acres, while in North Dakota harvested area was reduced 5,000 acres. Yield per acre increased 2.0 bushels in North Dakota and remained unchanged in Minnesota. Acreage and yield estimates were unchanged in Montana and Wyoming. As a result of the changes in Minnesota and North Dakota, oat production in the United States is 116 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year and down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate.

Barley area harvested in North Dakota was revised to 1.48 million acres, down 10,000 acres from the September estimate. Yield is estimated at 68.0 bushels per acre in Minnesota, a decrease of 2.0 bushels. As a result of these changes, production is down 230,000 bushels in Minnesota

U. S. October Milk Production Up 1.3 Percent

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from October 2003. September revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from September 2003. The September revision represented a decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,576 pounds for October, 15 pounds above October 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 26,000 head more than October 2003, but unchanged from September 2004.

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

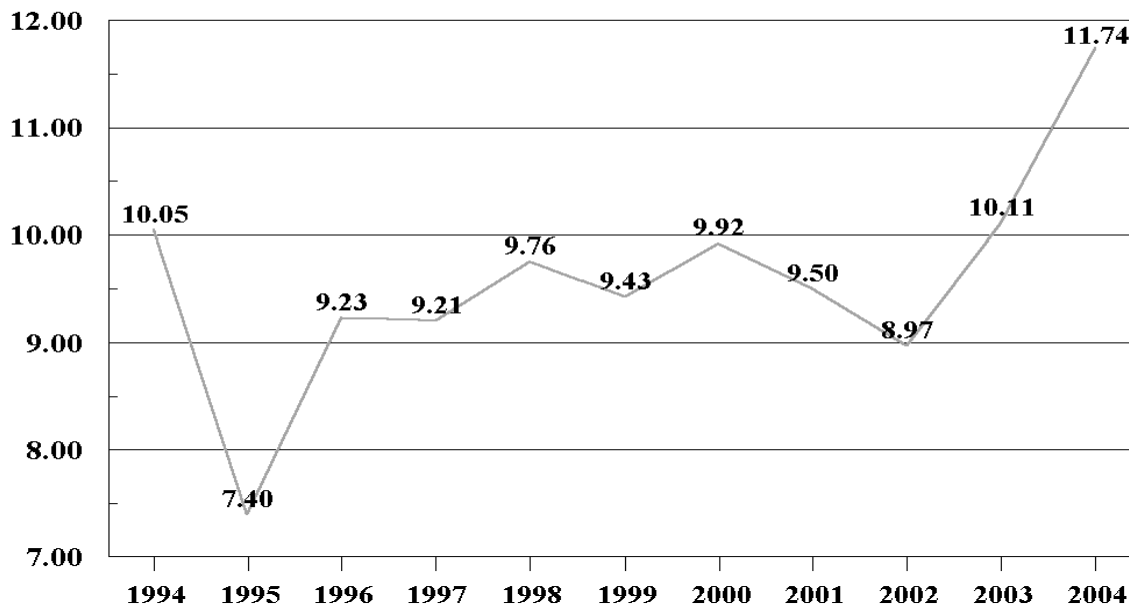


U.S. Corn for Grain Production

Corn production is forecast at 11.7 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 16 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of November 1, the yield is expected to average 160.2 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from October and 18.0 bushels above last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous records for both were set last year when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 142.2 bushels per acre. Across the U.S., yields are forecast at record high levels in 19 of the 33 published corn States. With the exception of Wisconsin, yields in the Corn Belt States are forecast at record highs as weather conditions have been mostly favorable throughout the growing season.

U.S. Corn Production

Billion Bushels



Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) in September 2004, at 5 million pounds, was down 19.6 percent from September 2003 but up 1.6 percent from August 2004. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 1.8 million gallons, up 5.6 percent from September 2003 but down 24.5 percent from August 2004.

UNITED STATES: **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 718 million pounds, 1.3 percent above September 2003 and 0.5 percent above August 2004. **American type cheese** production totaled 294 million pounds, 0.5 percent above September 2003 but 1.6 percent below August 2004. **Butter** production was 92.2 million pounds in September, 25.8 percent above September 2003 and 4.0 percent above August 2004. **Hard ice cream** production at 70.7 million gallons, was down 3.7 percent from September 2003, and down 3.7 percent from August 2004.

Manufactured Dairy Production - September 2004 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	Sep 2003	Aug ¹ 2004	Sep 2004	Sep 2003	Aug ¹ 2004	Sep 2004
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese	6,262	4,956	5,036	708,708	714,001	717,813
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	1,726	2,412	1,822	73,398	73,422	70,680

¹ Revised.

U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators & Poult Placement

Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 27.4 million, 4 percent below November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the October 2004 total of 26.7 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 4 percent, West North Central up 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 11 percent, South Central down 19 percent, and West down slightly.

placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 2 percent from the September 2004 total of 21.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 10 percent, West North Central down 12 percent, North and South Atlantic down 5 percent, South Central down 15 percent, and West up 4 percent.

The 20.8 million poult placed during October 2004 in the United States were down 9 percent from the number

Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, November 2004 with Comparisons

Geographic Division	Nov 1 2003	Oct 1 2004	Nov 1 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	4,534	4,345	4,368	96	101
W N Central	10,169	10,533	10,568	104	100
N & S Atlantic	9,564	8,092	8,541	89	106
S Central	2,447	2,079	1,981	81	95
West	1,936	1,695	1,927	100	114
US	28,650	26,744	27,385	96	102

Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, October 2004 with Comparisons ¹

Geographic Division	Oct 1 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	3,359	3,125	3,009	90	96
W N Central	9,141	8,200	8,074	88	98
N & S Atlantic	7,091	6,668	6,743	95	101
S Central	1,934	1,839	1,649	85	90
West	1,280	1,436	1,331	104	93
US	22,805	21,268	20,806	91	98

*Revised.

¹Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2004. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2003 and up slightly from October 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.96 million head, up 1 percent from 2003.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.37 million, 4 percent below 2003 but 8 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.31 million head. During

September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 623,000, 600-699 pounds were 474,000, 700-799 pounds were 557,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 3 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during September, 3 percent below 2003 but 15 percent above 2002.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, United States, October 1, 2002- 2004

Item	Number			2004 as % of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	1,000 Head			Percent	
On Feed Sep ¹	10,159	9,839	9,973	98	101
Placed on Feed during Sep	2,194	2,474	2,374	108	96
Fed Cattle Marketed during Sep.	1,848	2,032	1,800	97	89
Other Disappearance during Sep ²	53	63	61	115	97
On Feed Oct 1 ¹	10,452	10,218	10,486	100	103

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.